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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Indian Appropriation bill and the Philippine Currency bill passed the Senate yesterday. —— A number of unimportant bills passed the House. —— President Roosevelt says he has no intention of withdrawing the nomination of Crum for Collector of Customs at Charleston, S. C. —— Standard Oil Co. has declared a dividend of $20 per share. —— Wm. G. Cone, stock broker, New York, has made an assignment. —— Eight persons killed and four injured by an explosion in a factory at Toledo, Ohio. ——Jas. A. Garfield, of Ohio, is slated for appointment as Commissioner of Corporations under the act creating the Department of Commerce. —— Severe storm at Greenwood, S. C.; two men were killed at Honeapath, others were injured, and a number of houses were demolished. —— The evidence in the trial of Bishop, for murder, at Charlotte, was concluded yesterday; argument will begin to-day. —— A storm in Elbert county, Ga., killed and injured a number of people. —— A blizzard in Tennessee, snow and sleet failing. —— In Texas, the heaviest snow of the season is reported. —— Schooner Carrie A. Norton, damaged in storm, put into Hampton Roads. New York markets: Money on call steady at 2½@3 per cent; cotton quiet at 9.60c; flour was quiet and rather easy; wheat—spot, steady; No. 2 red 81½c; corn—spot steady; No. 2 60c; oats—spot dull, No. 2 43½.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 16.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 65 degrees; 8 P. M., 70 degrees; maximum, 71 degrees; minimum, 61 degrees; mean, 66 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 2.28 inches.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Sunday, 21 feet.

COLD WAVE WARNING.

The Weather Bureau issued the following from the Wilmington office:

"Rain to-night; fair Tuesday; much colder with cold wave; brisk northwest winds."

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—For North Carolina—Rain or snow Tuesday morning, followed by clearing, much colder weather, with a cold wave; shifting winds, becoming northwest. Wednesday fair, continued cold.

Port Almanac---February 17.

Sun Rises	6.48 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.42 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H. 54 M.
High Water at Southport	11.58 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	2.28 P. M.

The reason why "Gas" Addicks holds his grip so tight on Delaware is because he knows how to plant his money "where it will do the most good."

A preacher at Mundsville, West Va., surprised his congregation the other day by informing it that he had fallen from grace, and fallen into hard drinking and gambling. But it wasn't as bad as it might be. He was $5,000 ahead on his gamble.

The Shah, of Persia, is thinking of visiting the St. Louis Exposition, but hasn't yet decided whether he will come by land or water. He says if it takes over a day by water, he will take the land route, as he isn't much stuck on water in big bunches.

According to dispatches from China, Prince Tuan, who declined to have his head chopped off to placate some of the allied nations, when the last racket ended, is training his Boxers for another bout. That's about what might be expected after the Chinese have been yanked around so by the Christian nations.

Japan is about the size of California, but has a population of 45,000,000. The country is so mountainous that only about a tenth of it is under cultivation. We mention this fact to relieve the apprehensions of those who fear that this country will become so thickly populated that we will find it difficult to raise enough to eat.

A troubled citizen of New York rises to protest against the movement to banish the hand-organ from the streets of that city. He pathetically asks how it would fare with the boys and girls of some parts of that borough if the h. o. man came no more with the springtime to gladden their hearts and let them renew their acquaintance with the monkey.

To show that he is in full accord with the Roosevelt way of doing things, Senator-elect Smoot, of Utah, had a social layout the other night, to which he invited several colored folks, male and female, and they went. Some of the white guests didn't like it and some of the white servant girls kicked against serving them, but two were prevailed upon to tote the edibles.

STORM LAST NIGHT.

Southwest Gale Passed Along Coast, Reaching a Velocity of Fifty Miles.

THE BLOW IN WILMINGTON.

Minor Damage Done in Many Places. Telephone, Telegraph, Electric Light and Trolley Poles Felled—Two Accidents Were Reported.

A fierce southwest gale which swept along the coast last night, subsiding with a heavy downpour of rain about 9:30 o'clock, is believed to have wrought a large amount of minor damage in various parts of the city and off the coast it is feared that serious damage has been done to shipping.

The wind attained a velocity of perhaps 50 miles an hour about 9 o'clock and awnings and tin signs in various sections of the city were wrecked. Telephone, telegraph and electric poles were also blown down in many sections, a part of the city being darkened on that account and street car traffic hampered very materially. On Princess, between Seventh and Eighth streets, several poles were blown across the track and on Market street, all the way out to Seventeenth, poles were strewn in every direction. Passengers on the belt line of cars could go no further than Seventh, on Princess street, and no further than Ninth street around the other way. General Manager Skelding, of the C. R., L. & P. Co., however, was personally out with a force of men before the storm had hardly subsided and were engaged in clearing up the debris.

At Second and Brunswick and Fifth and Brunswick streets poles were blown down. Near Second and Brunswick, as Mr. Jesse Wilder was returning from his office, early in the evening, he ran into a wire that was blown down near the ground and was right severely hurt; not, however, bad enough to incapacitate him.

At Eleventh and Market streets a negro who was driving for ex-Constable Wm. Sheehan was knocked out of a buggy by a fallen wire and the horse was scared so that he ran away and entirely demolished the buggy. The horse had not been recovered by Mr. Sheehan late last night.

The telephone service of both companies was more or less impaired but not nearly so bad as would be supposed. Both managers, their linemen and inspectors worked like Turks to keep the wires intact. The fire-alarm wires were tangled during the night and there was an incessant ringing of the bell, giving some alarm at first, but that trouble was short-lived.

Many roofs had part of the tin ripped from them but no serious damage had been reported late last night. The authorities should take some means to put an end to the small tin signs that are often hung insecurely from buildings on the sidewalk, thereby endangering pedestrians who are out during a strong wind. Several of them flew from their hangings last night and persons escaped being badly hurt by dodging.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., will hold a special convocation this evening for work in the Mark Master's degree.

— A number of the young men of the city will give an impromptu germán in Hibernian Hall to-night. It promises to be a delightful affair.

— The alarm of fire at 8 o'clock last night from box 46 was on account of a chimney burning out at the residence of Mr. R. W. Hicks, No. 418 South Third street.

— Only the river steamer *Highlander* was in port yesterday, clearing in the afternoon for Fayetteville. The *City of Fayetteville* and *Hurt* are expected here today.

— In Mayor's Court yesterday an offender was charged with firing a pistol in the city limits. He explained that he had been annoyed by valentine parties stoning his house, and he was let off with the costs.

— By deed filed for record yesterday and dated Oct. 10, 1902, Edward P. Bailey and wife transferred to Mrs. Fannie E. Poisson, for $4,000, lot on west side of Second, next to corner of Dock street, 132x165 feet in size.

— The Vollers building, which was destroyed by fire last week, will be rebuilt as early as possible and will be re-occupied by Capt. A. D. Brown. Work will be begun as soon as all the insurance adjustments are made.

— Wallace Lucas, colored, was arrested by Policeman Frank George yesterday, charged with carrying concealed weapons and assault with a deadly weapon in the vicinity of Ninth and Bladen streets. He will be tried to-day.

— The Organ Fund Society of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will give an entertainment Thursday evening, February 19th, at 8 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. John J. Fowler, No. 417 South Front street. Admission, free will contribution. Fortune telling, 5 and 10 cents.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Masonic—Meeting Wil. Lodge.
Walter P. Gafford—To the public.
Academy—"Beyond the Rockies."
Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Intelligent man.

SIXTEEN NEW ROUTES

Free Rural Delivery System to Be Greatly Extended in This Section.

CONGRESSMAN BELLAMY

Has Secured Additional Services from Postoffices at Wilmington, Shallotte, Whiteville, Ashpole, Lumberton and Other Points.

In compliance with the personal request of Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, he has received advices from the office of the General Superintendent of the Free Rural Delivery System at Washington that three additional routes will be established in the Sixth Congressional District on April 1st and that thirteen others, making sixteen in all, will be established on May 1st.

The information will be most welcome to the communities benefitted. Of greatest importance locally is Route No. 2 from Wilmington, which will be down the Wrightsville turnpike to the second toll house, embracing Myrtle Grove Sound and several points in Federal Point township. It is stated that the system will not apply at first to Delgado Mills, but it is expected that a movement will be put immediately on foot to serve residents there. This route with a second route from Whiteville, Columbus county, and a first route from Shallotte, Brunswick county, will be put into operation on April 1st.

The routes to be established May 1st are:

Ashpole	Route 3
Red Springs	Route 2
Atkinson	Route 1
Barnesville	Route 1
Burgaw	Route 2
Gibson	Route 2
Old Hundred	Route 2
Lumberton	Routes 4 and 5
Lumber Bridge	Routes 1 and 2
Parkton	Routes 1 and 2

In connection with Route 2 from Gibson, the special agent has recommended discontinuance of the Brightsville postoffice and the star route between Newtonsville and Brightsville.

Mr. Bellamy has been exceedingly fortunate in securing these routes and it is believed to be the largest number granted in one batch in some time. Many of the points indicated already have routes and the new ones make the number from each point correspond to the official number of the route as given in the above table.

POPULAR MABEL PAIGE AGAIN.

Wind and Rain No Bar to the "Standing Room Only" House Last Night.

Mabel Paige and her excellent supporting company opened their return engagement at the Academy last night, presenting, by request, "A Mountain Waif." This will be the only piece played during the week that was given during the company's engagement three weeks ago.

Despite the weather last night there was a "standing room only" house to greet Miss Paige and while the storm raged fast and furious on the outside the large gathering in the theatre enjoyed a capital production and a line of pleasing specialties. Many pronounce the Paige Company the best repertoire organization that ever came to this city. Every piece is put on with special scenery and there is a change of specialties nightly.

To night the bill will be the Western drama "Beyond the Rockies," presented for the first time here by the Paige Company. "The Great Martynne" will be seen again in his spectacular dances. The prices are 10, 20 and 30 cents and seats are now on sale at Plummer's. The only matinee of the week will be given Saturday and seats will be sold in advance to avoid a repetition of the rush at the door upon the occasion of the company's first matinee at the former engagement.

Death of An Aged Citizen.

Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Mr. John W. Garrett, aged 54 years, died at his home No. 408 Wright street after a painful illness of several months. For seven years Mr. Garrett was an invalid and several times has been given up for dead, having an unusual vitality. He was a member of Immanuel Presbyterian church and died trusting in his Lord. He leaves a wife (nee Miss Martha P. Savage) and five children. The funeral services were conducted at his residence yesterday morning at 11 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. C. W. Trawick. The burial was of Bellevue cemetery.

Night Clerk at The Orton.

Mr. J. R. Clements, of Warrenton, N. C., lately with the Hotel Massenberg at Henderson, has become night clerk at The Orton, succeeding Mr. Robt. H. Gwaltney, who resigned some time ago to become special agent of the South Atlantic Insurance Company. Mr. Clements is a young man of experience and ability, and the travelling public will be glad to welcome him at Wilmington.

Attorneys Off For Raleigh.

Messrs. Geo. Rountree and William J. Bellamy have gone to Raleigh as counsel for the pilots in the matter of the bill codifying and amending the navigation laws of the State. The hearing is before the Judiciary Committee Wednesday afternoon. While away Mr. Rountree will look after the Dakota bond suit and Mr. Bellamy will attend the State Council, Jr. O. U. A. M.

DR. C. S. BLACKWELL

His Resignation Accepted by the Congregation of Wilmington's Baptist Church.

ACCEPTED NORFOLK'S CALL.

Will Leave for His New Field on or Before April 1st—Short Sketch of His Ministry—Committee Meeting Sunday—Many Regrets.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the congregation half an hour before the 11-o'clock service at the First Baptist church Sunday morning, Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell declined to withdrawn his resignation as pastor, presented ten days before, and the same was accepted with much regret. The action of the Executive Committee was laid before the entire congregation at the morning service Sunday and in the afternoon Dr. Blackwell telegraphed his acceptance of the unanimous call to the pastorate of the First church, of Norfolk, Va.

It is expected that he will leave for his new field on or before April 1st, and the church here has appointed a committee consisting of Dr. A. M. Baldwin, Messrs. W. C. Peterson, J. C. Stevenson, E. S. Lathrop and John R. Hanby to communicate in the meantime with ministers, from whom the church might likely select a successor to Dr. Blackwell.

It is unnecessary to repeat here that the resignation of Dr. Blackwell was accepted with the utmost reluctance by a congregation which he has united and brought into a splendid, active, Christian fellowship. The Executive Committee, after much persuasion Sunday a week ago prevailed upon Dr. Blackwell to consider a withdrawal of the resignation but, in the light of all circumstances, Dr. Blackwell felt it his duty to do no more than cling to his original purpose. In expressing himself to the Committee he handed the following letter to the clerk, which was read:

To Executive Committee and Brethren and Sisters of the First Baptist Church of Christ:

"For more than a week I have earnestly considered your loving request to withdraw my resignation. I confess my heart has been, as never before, deeply moved by your united appeal, strengthened powerfully by the outside public and members of all denominations.

"If I were a stranger in the community to which I am called this combined appeal to stay would raise doubts as to which voice of the Spirit was to be obeyed. But the call comes from a city in which I have spent twice as many years as I have with you, and where as many or more hearts now unite in asking me to come back. When to this is added the larger and perhaps harder field of opportunity, to my mind the voice to be obeyed by me is in the call to go.

"I also believe as firmly that the Spirit speaking to-day, as he has not spoken for many years, through the 'united' voice of this church is to the future and to another man to come. Therefore, I earnestly urge the acceptance of my resignation. Fraternally, "CALVIN S. BLACKWELL."

Reporting to the congregational meeting, the Committee submitted the following:

"*To the First Baptist Church:*

Your Executive Committee beg leave to report that they have received the resignation of the pastor and recommend that the same be accepted under unanimous protest.

"W. C. PETERSON, Chairman."

The congregation was as reluctant in accepting the report as the committee had been in accepting the resignation, but it was finally done. A substitute to the report was offered, but after explanation by the Committee that it would not affect the result, it was withdrawn. The substitute was as follows:

"After prayerful consideration of our pastor's resignation we feel that the acceptance of the same, even under protest, will be doing our Zion injustice, for we do not feel and cannot see, that his labors, which have been blessed of God, are yet finished. We feel that the transfer of this laborer to another branch of the vineyard, while it would be a blessing to the field that calls, would be an injury to us.

"Feeling thus, we must do what we believe is our duty, decline to accept the resignation."

Rev. Calvin Simeon Blackwell, D. D., is a native of Roanoke county, Virginia. He worked his own way through two colleges in the North, being an A. M. of Drake University, Iowa, and a Doctor of Theology at Oskaloosa. The first years of his ministry were with the "Disciples of Christ," filling chief pulpits in Brooklyn, Norfolk, St. Louis, Chicago and Augusta. Ten years ago he entered the Baptist ministry and has been pastor at Elizabeth City and Wilmington, N. C. For one year he was corresponding secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, with headquarters at Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. Blackwell held a large place on the Disciple press for many years, his work appearing in *The Christian, Teacher, The Evangelist* and *The Christian Standard*. For some time he was associate editor of the *Baptist Union*, Chicago. He has been a prolific writer in both the religious and secular press. His Divinity degree was conferred by Howard College, Alabama.

He is an incessant worker and gives much of his time to the poor and distressed of the community. During his four and a half years' pastorate of the church here he has for much of the time been president of the Associated Charities, an interdenominational body for charity work, and has accomplished a great work, giving much of his personal attention to ministering to the wants of the poor and suffering.

Dr. Blackwell married Miss de Jarnette, of Virginia. They have but two children, the older a young physician doing post graduate work in the New York hospitals, the other a student of the University of North Carolina.

— The local markets were unchanged yesterday, with comparatively light receipts.

BOYS IN THE COURT.

Unique Trial Before Mayor Waddell at the City Hall Yesterday Afternoon.

THE VALENTINE OFFENDERS.

Youths Who Pelted the Residence of Rev. Edward Wootten With Eggs on Saturday Night—They Were Lectured and Fined Heavily.

Five young boys, ranging from 12 to 16 years of age and belonging to prominent families in the city, were arraigned before Mayor Waddell in the municipal court yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, charged with being members of the Valentine party of merry-makers which threw eggs into the residence of Rev. Edward Wootten, next to St. James' church, on Third street, Saturday night, particulars of which were given in these columns Sunday morning. The boys were accompanied to court by seventy-five or a hundred youngsters of about their own age and the mothers of one or two of them were present to learn the exact status of the affair.

Upon the whole, it was perhaps one of the most interesting sessions of court ever held by Mayor Waddell and he seemed impressed with the uniqueness of the situation.

The Misses Wooten, who pluckily went out of their residence and secured the names of the youthful offenders and reported them to the police authorities upon the night of the attack, were present and testified to the conduct of the unwelcome visitors and to the damage to the carpets and furniture in the house. They were accompanied by their brother, and Rev. Mr. Wootten and Mrs. Wooten came in as spectators during the progress of the trial.

Two of the young prisoners at the bar were exonerated at the out-set and the remainder of them frankly admitted that they were "in the crowd." There were no lawyers in the case and Mayor Waddell after giving the boys a sound lecture as to their outrageous conduct and warning them of the dangers of carrying the Valentine custom too far, said that he felt compelled to make an example of them and each of the three was fined $10 and costs and ordered to bear his proportionate part of the cost of repairing the damage at Mr. Wootten's residence. One of the mothers spoke up and said that she didn't think the damage was $80 and there were eight in the party; $10 each would make that amount.

Mayor Waddell said if the lady would make affidavit as to the eight he would issue warrants for their arrests but this the mother declined to do and court was adjourned.

Mayor Waddell ordered that the boys be held until the fines were paid. Then each of the three, who were manfully bearing the burden of five others whose names they would not disclose, dispatched friends to the offices of their fathers and pretty soon the city exchequer was $30 "to the good." Public record does not tell the story of the advice with which the fathers supplemented that given by Mayor Waddell to the youthful offenders, once they were off the official scene.

CHARGED WITH ENTERING HOUSES.

Negro Wanted in Newbern Held Here in Number of Cases.

Garfield Pearson, colored, aged about 30 years, is an all-round thief if charges in the magistrates' court count for anything. He was arrested Saturday by Constable Savage and sent to the higher court yesterday by Justice McGowan for carrying a razor, which was identified as one stolen from the residence of Jacob Wood, on Church street, Friday afternoon, entrance having been gained by means of a false key. Other articles stolen at the same time were six silk handkerchiefs, two pistols, three gold rings, a butcher knife and 85 cents. Upon this and the charge of entering another house near the second toll house, he will be given a preliminary trial in Justice Fowler's court later.

The negro is also said to be wanted in Newbern but there is a string of charges against him here that will keep him for quite a while.

Mixed Foursome Tournament.

The annual mixed foursome tournament for the President's Cup on the links of the Cape Fear Golf Club will take place Monday, instead of Saturday, as first announced. The handicap committee desires that all who will enter the tournament send in their names, with lady partners, at the earliest possible time so that the handicaps may be arranged.

Stabbed Colored Woman.

A negro woman who gave her name as "Katie" was sent out to the hospital by the police late last night with an ugly wound in her right breast. She alleges that she was stabbed by a white man with whom she was drinking on Brunswick, between Front and Second streets. At the hospital it was said that the wound was not serious.

Judge Peebles in Duplin.

Judge Robert B. Peebles, who is well and favorably known in Wilmington, held court last week in Duplin county. He created a mild sensation during the term by dismissing with a reprimand a jury that found a verdict of not guilty against a defendant for carrying concealed weapons, contrary to the acts provided.

WATTS BILL CHANGED

Amendments Offered by Author and Another by Daughton, of Alleghaney.

LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY.

Proposition to Divide the School Fund Reported—Better Government of State Institutions—Ferry at White Hall, on Cape Fear.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 16.—In the House this morning Representative Watts offered an amendment to his whiskey bill, providing (1) that elections be held in towns to determine whether intoxicants may be manufactured in the corporate limits; (2) whether barrooms or saloons may be established and (3) whether a dispensary may be located. Elections are to be held on a petition of one-fourth of the qualified voters, either two of the questions to be submmited. Representative Doughton also offered an amendment to strike out the restriction as to the manufacture of brandy and provide that it be manufactured and sold in original packages of five gallons or more. Both amendments will be considered when the bill comes up for further disposition to-morrow.

The committee to which were referred the bills by Stubbs, of Washington, and King, of Pitt, providing for a division of the school funds between white and colored, according to the tax paid by each race, were reported back to the House without prejudice and will be made special orders later.

Among the bills passed by the House were:

To regulate the manufacture and sale of liquor in Richmond county.

To authorize the Norfolk and Western Railway Company to extend to and operate their line in North Carolina, renewing the old charter rights.

A great number of local bills passed readings in both branches of the Assembly.

Among the bills introduced were:

Smith, to amend the code as to the crime of arson.

Self, a substitue for all bills introduced as to divorce at this session of the Legislature.

Willis, to establish a ferry at White Hall on the Cape Fear river.

In the Senate, Hicks, of Duplin, introduced a bill to better govern the State institutions, providing that the Governor in the future appoint all directors of hospitals for the insane, schools for deaf and dumb and blind, etc., and that no superintendent be an ex-officio member or secretary.

Norris introduced a bill for the equipment of the A. & M. College, appropriating $12,500 annually for two years to complete buildings and $15,000 annually for current expenses.

Norris also introduced a joint resolution, regarding the enlargement of the Capitol.

The Senate passed the bill incorporating the Raleigh and Eastern Railroad Co., incorporating the Winston-Salem and South Bound Railroad Co.; to protect claims in Pender county, and to repeal the Act of 1901 as to County Board of Examiners for State institutions.

The noted case of Durham and the Seaboard Air Line vs. the North Carolina Railway and Southern Railway Companies, involving the Peabody street right of way was decided to-day, all points in favor of the Southern and North Carolina roads. The plaintiff being taxed with the costs, appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals and the case will be he heard at Richmond in May.

TRIAL OF STREET CAR MOTORMAN.

Not Guilty of Criminal Negligence—Negro Has Unbalanced Mind.

In Justice J. M. McGowan's court yesterday afternoon D. E. Jones, motorman on the car of the Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co., which three weeks ago ran over the negro William Hill, at Second and Princess streets, was given a hearing on the charge of assault with serious injury and was discharged, there being no evidence of criminal negligence in the testimony.

Motorman Jones was under $500 bond for his appearance, with the Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co. as surety, and he was represented at the hearing by Thos. W. Davis, Esq., of the firm of Davis & Davis, attorneys. The negro William Hill was not introduced as a witness. He is still at the hospital, but is able to be up. His mind, however, is unbalanced and Dr. Akerman, the surgeon in charge, said he would not be available as a witness, even though he were able to go to the magistrate's office. A subpœna was sent for him with the result stated. The negro is said to have been half-witted before the accident and his actions upon that occasion strongly indicated it.

The witnesses who testified were Motorman Jones and Conductor Beaton, both of whom were in charge of the car; Lineman E. C. Horton, who shouted to the negro to get out of the way; Messrs. I. B. Rhodes, F. T. Mills and J. W. Plummer, Jr., who were eye-witnesses of the accident.

Jno. H. Gore, Jr., Esq., whom it is understood will represent parties who will claim damages in behalf of the negro, was also in attendance upon the hearing, but took no part in it other than as a spectator.

— The last car load of material for the completion of the Bald Head light house will be here this week. The structure will be one of the finest of its character on the South Atlantic coast.

For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

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FINE SHOES.

Sizes for Men, 4 to 11; prices $2.25 to $5.00. Look in our window when passing.

Mercer & Evans Co.,

feb 3 tf 115 Princess Street.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. W. M. Hamer, of Dillon, S. C., was here yesterday.

— Col. D. D. McCall, of Bennetsville, S. C., arrived Sunday.

— Mr. Hugh MacRae has returned from New York and Washington.

— Messrs. C. H. Ogden and W. B. Williams, of Raleigh, are at The Orton.

— Mrs. Haywood Clark and Miss Laura Clark left yesterday to visit in Norfolk.

— State Senator J. A. Brown passed through the city yesterday returning to Raleigh.

— Mrs. J. E. Bryan, of Conway, S. C., returned home yesterday after a visit to relatives in the city.

— Messrs. J. H. David, E. Z. Moses and A. J. Cottingham, of Dillon, S. C., arrived yesterday.

— Miss Maud Webber, who has been the charming guest of Miss Tallulah DeRosset, left yesterday for Washington.

— Mr. R. J. Rivenbark, agent of the A. C. L. at Darlington, S. C., spent Sunday in the city with his brother, Mr. J. W. Rivenbark.

— Mr. E. N. Penny, left yesterday for New York. Mrs. Penny and children accompanied him as far as Rocky Mount and will visit the family of Dr. Nash.

— Capt. J. J. Adkins, Mr. R. A. Parsley, Mr. J. A. Arringdale, Mr. George Harriss and others left last night for Raleigh, to be present for the pilotage hearing to-morrow.

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TO KIDNEY SUFFERERS.

An Opportunity Worthy of Your Notce.

If you suffer with kidney disease or any ailment arising from an improper action of the kidneys or urinary organs, this offer we make to the people of Wilmington should interest you. In the advancement of medical science, the kidneys, the organs of the greatest importance to human health, have not been neglected, and in placing before you such a cure as Doan's Kidney Pills the proprietors recognize how far so many statements of the makers of similar preparations have fallen short of their claims, being convinced that no remedy for kidney complainis in existence equals Doan's Kidney Pills for such ailments; strengthened in these convictions by letters that are daily received of the work they are doing for mankind's benefit, old backs and young backs are being constantly freed from never-ceasing aches, and many a lame and shattered one, stooped and contracted, is strengthened, invigorated and infused with new life. With such a medicine an offer of this kind can be made without hesitancy, for while we lose the box we give to you, we make a friend that assists us in the sale of many others.

FULL BOXES

of Doan's Kidney Pills will be given away free to every person suffering with kidney ailments at the undersigned address. First come, first served, and only this one chance offered. Remember this is not a sample box, but a regular size box of Doan's Kidney Pills, which retails at 50 cents.

Remember,

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Friday, Feb. 20th, at

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Cheroots, Cigarettes.

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By order of the High Priest,

W. A. MARTIN, Secretary.

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TO THE PUBLIC.

I have located at the office of W. J. Bellamy, City Attorney. All legal business intrusted to my care will receive earnest and prompt attention.

WALTER P. GAFFORD, Attorney at Law.

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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 17.

A JAB AT ROOSEVELT.

Strange as it may seem the New York *Sun* is about the only recognized Republican organ in the country which has antagonized the Roosevelt anti-trust policy. From the very beginning, from the time that Roosevelt started out on his New England swing 'round, it showed its opposition, which grew stronger as the Roosevelt programme became unfolded. Not satisfied with attacking the Roosevelt policy, it attacked, scored or ridiculed every man of any prominence who took an active part in promoting the anti-trust movement. The only commendation it has ever had for Mr. Roosevelt in this connection is contained in the following editorial, written in the *Sun's* characteristic clear-cut, clever, trenchant style. Under the heading "Theodore Roosevelt's Greatest Service to His Country," it says:

What is now called "the President's programme" of legislation for Federal suppression of business appears to be nothing more or less than this:

The rejection of all the more radical measures proposed by Senators or Representatives or Judiciary Committees or unofficial sociologists, or even by Attorney-General Knox.

The elimination of every plan or proposal which by the utmost strain of courtesies of language can be described as a real sure-enough trust-buster.

The progressive refinement of the original demands of strenuous conviction down to the point where the passage of the Elkins anti-rebate bill and the enactment of the Department of Commerce bill, with its mildly statistical bureau of information, are regarded as "satisfactory" by the President.

Let no candid person withhold from Mr. Roosevelt the immense credit that belongs to him for his present efforts, between eleven o'clock and noon, to undo as far as possible the mischief wrought in the darkness and unwisdom of the early hours of the morning. Consider what it is he is now doing for the cause of sanity and Constitutional Government! He had delivered on the stump a series of speeches which could scarcely be distinguished from Mr. Bryan's utterances on the same subject. He had inspired by the suggestion the great mass of incendiary measures that are piled high in the document room of the Capitol, like a harmless monument in memory of his initial mistake. He had spurred on Mr. Littlefield to a rivalry which resulted in that statesman's discomfiture and disgust. He had even set ablaze the sociological imagination of the venerable Mr. Hoar. He had carried the white plume of Rooseveltian leadership far to the front of the attack on the foundations of business confidence and national prosperity. He had done al this and much more in the emotional earnestness of his misunderstanding of his mission and duty at Washington.

But so soon as the President clearly perceived the disastrous potentialities of the forces he had invoked and the true direction and significance of the movement he had inaugurated—and he has apparently had the wit to perceive the same before it was too late—no foolish consideration of personal consistency or pride of individual opinion prevailed him from facing squarely about and bracing himself with all the force of his will to withstand the onset of the revolutionists.

We accordingly find him now employing the enormous power of his office to check the raid upon the United States Constitution; to allay the dangerous sentiment aroused by the speeches of last summer; to defeat tha plans of the radical experimenters and innovators. The measure of the conservative influence Mr. Roosevelt is now exerting may be found in the circumstance that his programme includes even the repudiation, as unconstitutional, of the bill drawn by Mr. Littlefield to meet the suggestions so elaborately conveyed to the Judiciary Committee by the President's legal adviser, the Attorney General.

May it prove that Mr. Roosevelt is not too late in his revised conception of the Presidential mission!

More power to his elbow! He is now attempting, under disadvantageous conditions, the greatest service it has yet been his privilege to render to the nation. The ride up San Juan Hill was nothing to this masterly retreat to the cover of Common Sense.

There is a vein of levity running through this, and while it apparently commends the President for the modifications in his radical anti-trust programme, it simply congratulates him on his failure to do what he started out to do, and, read between the lines, is a cutting, caustic criticism of his whole course on that question up to the final surrender to the friends and defenders of the trust. It is simply telling Mr. Roosevelt in its own peculiar way that he has failed, acknowledged his inability to do what he started out to do, and surrendered to the trusts, which he found, when squarely confronted by them, more powerful than the President and all his backers.

Congratulating a man on having recovered his sense and discriminating judgment after floundering around so long, is congratulation of a very doubtful order, the sincerity of which may be well questioned, especially when the motive is so apparent, to make as conspicuous as possible the blundering policy, the abandonment of what (because he couldn't help it) it pronounces "his greatest service to his country."

While ostensibly commendatory the evident intent of this editorial was to weaken Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy for the Presidential nomination. The trusts are again him now and the effect of such editorials as this upon readers who may be influenced by the *Sun* would be to diminish his popularity among those who favored his nomination because of his attitude on the trust question. They are practically told that this man who had made such a bold defiance of the trusts and demanded that they be curbed, this man whose pluck and strenuousness they admired, has at last come down from his high perch, virtually acknowledged that he was simply playing the role of a "trust buster" for a purpose, has at last capitulated and permitted himself to be curbed by the odious organizations which he insisted must be curbed. No man can occupy the dual position of a hero and a failure, a fighter and a runner at the same time, and that is about the position the *Sun* places the President in.

The *Sun* doesn't like Theodore Roosevelt. Whether it disliked him before he took his position in opposition to the trusts we do not know, but it certainly has not liked him since, and has made no effort to conceal its dislike. That cropped out in every one of its articles in discussing the trust question and his connection with it. Now when the time comes for it to proclaim its opposition to his nomination it will have another ground of attack and that is his weakness or insincerity in declaring war on trusts and afterwards when the battle was on, abandoning what he contended for and surrendering on conditions that virtually amount to nothing, being nothing more or less than vanquished, a failure who went in with a grand flourish and came out with nothing.

If the *Sun* doesn't throw a good deal of *Sun*shine on this and make it warm for Mr. Roosevelt we are very much mistaken.

A GREAT NAVY.

The need of a stronger navy than we have has been recognized for some time and the work of building it up began under President Cleveland's first administration, since when it has been continued. The war with Spain stimulated interest in war ships, some of the advocates declaring that since we have become a "world power" we must have a navy able to cope not only with the navy of any one of the great maritime powers, but with all of them combined. With the hitch between the England, Germany and Italy combine and Venezuela, which prospectively involved the Monroe Doctrine making it necessary for this Government to back or abandon it the need of a great navy has been reiterated with emphasis, and gatherings of business men in some of the Atlantic cities are passing resolutions to that effect, urging the Government to strengthen the navy with all practicable dispatch.

Of course we must have a navy that we can rely upon with some confidence in case of conflicts with other maritime powers. The fact that this is a land-grabbing age when nearly every nation that can is reaching out to gobble up territory from weaker nations, and that there is a growing commercial rivalry between the leading commercial nations, making friction more liable, makes a strong navy necessary, but it does not follow that we must continue to build ships until we can sail around the world flaunting the flag and hunting for a fight. The three thousand miles of salt water between us and the only nations that we would ever have to contend with upon the sea is equivalent in protective power to scores of ships. When we have a navy strong enough to protect our coast cities, and our new acquisitions, we will have one that will be as formidable for us as are the greater navies of some of our rivals for them. This is, of course, assuming that territorial acquisition by conquest, under pretence of purchase, cession, etc., be not contemplated.

As far as talking of building a navy to match the navy of Great Britain alone, much less the navies of Europe combined, is simply nonsense. Some idea of what a job this would be may be gathered from the following exhibit of the navies of Great Britain and Germany, leaving Russia, France and Japan out of the count:

Great Britain has 42 battle ships and Germany 12; Great Britain has 14 armored cruisers and Germany 2; Great Britain has 103 protected cruisers and Germany 17; Great Britain is building 13 battleships and Germany 6; Great Britain is building 20 armored cruisers and Germany 3; Great Britain is building 8 protected cruisers and Germany 6.

With the progress in naval architecture, some of these ships that are now considered perfect in that way may be superceded in a few years by still better, and become practically worthless, and the millions spent on them be millions thrown away, for which which reason it is good to go slow and profit by the experience and successes or failures of other nations.

Gas Addicks acknowledges, and considers that a strong claim on his party's support, that he has spent $250,000 in Republicanizing Delaware. Mr. Geo. Kennan, who has been making an investigation, says he has done his work so thoroughly that the average voter expects to be paid for his vote and doesn't make any secret of it or consider it anything out of the way. He found one county where there were not more than a couple thousand voters where he distributed $30,000 in one election. Figuring on that basis he estimates that it would require a corruption fund of $2,000,000 for the State.

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Fully half of the indisposed, weakly and sick people around us are victims of nerve troubles and unhealthy blood. They seem to forget one important fact, "that the nerves regulate the blood supply throughout the body." It is now an accepted truth that upon the action of the nerves depends health and happiness. Diseased and flabby nerves bring on insomnia, dyspepsia, headache, prostration, irritability and lassitude; these in due course cause more serious ills. Paine's Celery Compound is the only medicine that can bestow a full and lasting measure of health to men and women who suffer from nerve and blood troubles. This wonderful agent feeds, nourishes and strengthens all nerve centers, purifies and enriches the blood, tones the stomach and invigorates the entire nervous system. Miss Mary Dahl, Richville, Mich., writes thus:

"For two years I have suffered with dyspepsia, debilitated nervous system, and palpitation of the heart. I had an awful bad feeling in my stomach, and a bad taste in my mouth. I tried three different physicians but could gain no relief from any of them. At last I heard of Paine's Celery Compound, used it, and owe my restoration to health to my use of that grand medicine. I only took four bottles, and it *cured* me."

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BETTER METHODS.

Col. John S. Cunningham, President of the North Carolina Farmers' Protective Association, is a progressive, thoughtful man, who looks not only to the present but to the future prosperity of the Southern farmer. He is a farmer himself, knows his business, and when he talks on that subject, always talks sense, without any flourishing.

In Raleigh the other day, in speaking of the movement to organize the farmers to promote doing business on business principles, he touched upon several points, two of which we clip, bearing upon better methods, as follows:

The time has come when the farmers must take a more active interest in scientific agriculture. If the farmers would form organizations in every township and county in North Carolina and would meet together and discuss the modern methods of farming, it would be of inestimable value to the individual tobacco growers, truck growers, cotton growers and the man who raises cattle and fruit, and in fact grain of every kind, and everything which contributes to make the farmers succeed.

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No man can tell at this time, what prices they will be able to sell their cotton and tobacco at when the crop made during the present year is harvested, so they can see the absolute need of diversifying their crops and raising their supplies at home and growing their cotton and tobacco as the money crop The farmers should take a good newspaper and keep posted with the news of the day, and our newspapers of North Carolina should devote a part of their columns to the agricultural interest of the State. If they will do this, it will be of great value to all the farmers of our State.

There is something in this that every farmer should be interested in, but in which too many are not, plodding along in the old way, plowing, planting and harvesting with as little thought as if farming was a business that didn't require any thought, and apparently oblivious of the great change taking place in that industry as the result of experiments and new methods. More intelligent and thorough culture, and diversified farming, are two of the absolute essentials to permanent success on the farm.

Joseph Tepani, an enterprising denizen of New York, originally of Italy, is at present lodging in the Tombs. For several years he has been operating a conspiracy, with several of his countrymen, by which ten life insurance companies have been buncoed out of about $4,000,000 as far as known and perhaps more.

The population of Vermont has increased only 29,521 in fifty years, and this increase is probably due to immigration from Canada.

ITCHING PILES.

Any one who suffers from that terrible plague, Itching Piles, or from Eczema, will appreciate the immediate relief and permanent cure that comes through the use of Doan's Ointment. It never fails. Free Samples at ROBT. R. BELLAMY'S Store February 20th. †

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Gastonia *Gazette*: Mr. Robert Riddle, of Zeno, has a gold mine. He was in town a few days ago and stated that he now has an expert English miner inspecting the property. Some fine sulphuret ore is found in abundance which is estimated to be worth $25 a ton.

— Rockingham *Anglo Saxon*: The Pee Dee Manufacturing Co. has decided to enlarge its Mill No. 2 by a one-hundred foot addition, two stories. The lower story will be used for a cloth room and the upper story for slashing, etc. This will make room for 100 looms, 2,500 spindles and the necessary carding machinery, orders for which have already been placed with the factory, and means an increase in production of about 33⅓ per cent.

— Shelby *Aurora*: For some weeks there has been considerable talk of a cotton mill at Waco. Both local and Northern capital is interested in the enterprise. —— Alfred Thorn, son of J. B. Thorn, of Forest City, shot and killed himself on last Saturday (7th). He was employed by the Florence mills and stayed away from his work on Saturday. He went to the barber shop and got a shave; when he left the barber shop he went to Mr. McDaniel's store. Mr. McDaniel went to the post-office and left him reading a paper. While Mr. McDaniel was out it seems that he got a loaded shell and placed it in a breach-loading shot-gun. He placed the muzzle of the gun to his breast and pushed the trigger of the gun with a stick. A letter was found on his person directed to his father not to be opened until delivered. The letter told him where to find a box and to deliver the box to his sweetheart. The box contained a picture, a ring and some letters.

— Kinston *Free Press*: The farmers in this section are said to be behind in pitching their crops this year. Some farmers are making larger preparations to cultivate tobacco this year than ever before. —— A man who acted very mysteriously was seen in falling Creek a few nights ago. He was a well dressed man and looked as if he had been in a fight, as he had a cut on his throat and the imprint of metal knucks on his forehead. He went to Mr. Bill Waters' house and asked to stay all night, which request was granted. After he was given a room the family retired, but was aroused shortly afterwards by the man's getting up repeatedly and looking out of the window as if in fear. The men questioned him but could get no satisfactory answers from him as to who he was or what was the matter. They became suspicious of him from his actions and he was asked to leave. No one knew him nor has anything been seen of him in that section since.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: A negro who has been in jail for several days for failure to pay magistrate's costs for a scrape into which he had gotten was to-day a most popular jail bird. Two women appeared and offered to pay his way out on condition of marriage. One went further than the other and offered to pay for the license in addition to paying the costs, and she was accepted. She carried out her part of the contract and the man was taken before 'Squire Otterby, who married the couple. The disappointed one was present at the marriage, but did not offer her congratulations.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— A battleship for every State in the Union, some people think, will just about give us a complete navy, provided, of course, a steel-clad cruiser shall be named for each of the larger cities.—*Richmond Times-Dispatch, Dem.*

—— The parable of the wise and foolish virgins, says the Bath Enterprise, is suggested by the fact that the Senate at Washington has 150 tons of coal, while the house has none and is obliged to burn cord-wood. Maybe that accounts for Senatorial "indifference" to anti-trust legislation.—*Richmond News-Leader, Dem.*

—— The bill to establish a Department of Commerce is loaded down with an amendment providing for a Bureau of Corporations to collect facts relating to their business affairs and report the same to the President. This is what they call the "publicity" safeguard against corporation oppression which is desired by the President; but what it really comes to is a provision to enable the party to make use of the corporations as part of its political machine.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

—— "It ought to be said," says the Springfield *Republican*, "now that conditions tend to fix public attention upon the whole negro problem, that perhaps not time enough has gone by to warrant final judgment being passed upon the statesmanship of the Reconstruction era." Something depends, of course, on whose era "judgment" is meant. Or perhaps the accent is on the "statesmanship." The final judgment on the partisan knavery of the era has long since been made up.—*Charleston News and Courier, Dem.*

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. JOHN, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Jacksonville and Richlands, Half Moon, Feb. 21, 22.

District conference will meet at Jacksonville Tuesday Mar. 17th at 5 o'clock P. M. and continue through the 18th and 19th 1903.

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery, and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung diseases by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free. †

Blue Island, Ill., Jan. 14, 1901.

Messrs. ELY BROS.:—I have used your Cream Balm in my family for nine years and it has become my family doctor for colds in the head. I use it freely on my children. It is a Godsend to children.

Yours respectfully, J. KIMBALL.

Messrs. ELY BROS.:—I suffered greatly with catarrh and tried different remedies without effect. After using one bottle of your Cream Balm I found relief and I cannot praise too highly such a remedy.

Miss CORA WILLARD, Albany, N. Y. †

DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY FOR THE BLOOD, LIVER, LUNGS,

TWINKLINGS.

— A man seldom realizes how much he can't do until he tries.—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

— The way of the transgressor is hard—but not always on the transgressor.—*Princeton Tiger.*

— Possession, backed by a strong arm and a hefty boot, is usually ten points better than the law.—*Punch Bowl.*

— The Idiot—It knocked him speechless. The Victim—What did? The Idiot—The dumb-waiter.—*Columbia Jester.*

— Wright—Is your new book pure fiction? Penman—Yes, it is. "Well, you've made a big mistake; it's the other kind that pays."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— Explorer—Can you tell me where I can find north pole? Native—Say, young feller, you are the fifth man who has asked me that question. What's the joke, anyhow?—*Life.*

— Nodd—Old man, I really believe you have stopped your worrying. What brought about the change? Todd (cheerfully)—My troubles are more real than they used to be.—*Life.*

— Progressing—Uncle John—Why, my girl, you've grown like a cucumber vine! What progress are you making toward matrimony? Clara—Well, uncle, I'm on the fifth lap.—*Tit-Bits.*

— MacBooth-Rantington — And yet there should be a bond of sympathy between us and the police. His Leading Man—How so? MacBooth-Rantington—Why, we both have our critics who don't do a thing but roast us.—*Puck.*

— "What is your father's objection to me, Millie?" asked the young man. "He says you have no application, Gerald." "No application!" he echoed bitterly. "I wonder if he knows I've been coming to see you twice a week for nearly six years?"—*Chicago Tribune.*

— Greene—Look at that woman, will you? I should think she'd freeze with that little bit of a jacket. Wise—My dear fellow, if you were any judge of values, you'd know that the cloth that jacket is made of is the most expensive goods in the market.—*Boston Transcript.*

Practice and Preaching.

When the late Bishop Hare was presiding over a Methodist Episcopal church in New York city, a large reception was given in his honor, to which a brother of his, a lawyer, who closely resembled the bishop, was invited.

During the evening a member of the conference who had never met the bishop's brother approached him and, shaking him warmly by the hand, said:

"Good evening, Bishop Hare. I greatly enjoyed the sermon you gave us today. It is just what this church needs."

"You are mistaken in the person," said the brother, smiling, as he pointed to the bishop on the opposite side of the room, "that is the man who preaches; I practice."

THE A B C OF IT.

A kidney education starts with: Backache means kidney ache, lame back means lame kidneys, weak back means weak kidneys, cure means Doan's Kidney Pills. Read about the free distribution in this paper, and call at ROBT. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store February 20th. †

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If there is any one who has a cough, a tendency to take cold easily, or a dread of consumption, we would like to have them call and permit us to explain what we know about Vinol and why we believe it will cure all such troubles more surely and quickly than any other remedy ever given to the public.

Following is a letter which has just come to hand and which shows how beneficially Vinol acted in one instance:

"I had a severe cough of long standing. I was advised by friends to give your Vinol a trial, which I did. Before taking it I had tried many other remedies for coughs without obtaining any relief. With Vinol it was different. I have now used four bottles of it, and am pleased to say my cough has almost entirely left me. I have been decidedly benefited by its use in every way. Very truly yours."—H. E. SMALL, Boston, Mass.

Vinol acts beneficially upon the digestive organs, enabling them to obtain for themselves the elements from which are made firm healthy flesh tissue, sound muscle, strong bone structure and pure blood.

We recommend Vinol unreservedly.

If you will call on us at our store, we will tell you why we have such faith in this new wine of cod-liver oil.

We guarantee that if you suffer from any symptoms that indicate troubles for which we know Vinol is intended, we will refund to you your money if you don't find Vinol helps you.

ROBT. R. BELLAMY.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, February 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 65c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.85 per barrel for strained and $1.90 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.65 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.40 per barrel for hard, $4.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at $1.12½@1.17½; tar firm at $1.30; crude turpentine firm at $1.35 @2.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	23
Rosin	588
Tar	180
Crude turpentine	88

Receipts same day last year—50 casks spirits turpentine, 554 barrels rosin, 575 barrels tar, 44 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 9¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6⅞	cts. ₱ lb
Good ordinary	8¼	" "
Low middling	9	" "
Middling	9¼	" "
Good middling	10⅛	" "

Same day last year, market firm at 9¼c for middling.

Receipts—789 bales; same day last year, 789.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 65c; extra prime, 70c; fancy, 75c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Dull at 15c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 25@30c; springs, 15@20c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12@12½c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6¼c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@4c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Money on call steady at 2½@3 per cent., closing at 2½@3 per cent; time money firm: 60 days, 4¼ per cent; 90 days, 4¼ per cent; six months 4¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4¼@5¼ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills done at 487.55@487.60 for demand and at 485@484.50 for sixty days. Posted rates 485@485¼ and 488@488½. Commercial bills 483¾@484¼. Bar silver 48¾. Mexican dollars 37¾. Government bonds steady. State bonds—no report. Railroad bonds steady. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 107½; U. S. refunding 3's, coupon, 107½; U. S. 3's, registered, 107; do. coupon, 107; U. S. 4's, new registered, 134½; do. coupon, 135½; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 109½; do. coupon, 109½; U. S. 5's, registered, 102¼; do. coupon, 102¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 117½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 100¾. Chesapeake & Ohio 53¼; Manhattan L 144½; New York Central 149¾; Reading 63¾; do. 1st preferred 88; do. 2nd preferred 76; St. Paul 179; do. pref'd, 191; Southern Railway 36; do. pref'd 95; Amalgamated Copper 72½; People's Gas 105¾; Sugar 132¼; Tennessee Coal and Iron 64½; U. S. Leather 14½; do. pref'd, 95¼; Western Union 90; U. S. Steel 39½; do. pref'd 88¾; Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., 65¼; do. preferred, 125. Standard Oil, 732@738.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 16.—Seaboard Air Line, common, unchanged; do. preferred, 42½; bonds, fours, 84. Atlantic Coast Line, common 134¼; preferred, unchanged.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 16.—Spirits turpentine firm at 64½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — casks; A, B, C, D, E and F, $1 85; G, $1 95; H, $2 30; I, $2 75; K, $3 15; M, $3 35; N, $3 55; W G, $3 80; W W $4 20.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 16.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 65c; receipts 101 casks; sales 100 casks; exports 596 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 2,486 barrels; sales — barrels; exports 9,362 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, $1 95; F, $1 95; G, $2 05; H, $2 40; I, $2 85; K $3 20; M, $3 40; N, $3 60; W G, $3 85; W W, $4 25.

COTTON MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of five to eight points and following the call showed still further strength as a result of the firmer cables and unsettled weather throughout the South, which led to predictions of a retarded movement. There were also evidences of renewed support by the bull clique that has recently become prominent in cotton with the May position, but trading was particularly active after May reached 9.50 or about five points above the opening figure. There was considerable liquidation, which was encouraged by reports that the clique while openly supporting the market were in reality letting go of their May at the higher level. The estimates for to-morrow's receipts at leading points compared favorably with the figures of last year, but for a time had little effect. Commission houses were selling the latter options more or less freely and several prominent floor brokers had orders on the selling side supposed to originate with prominent Philadelphia spot interests. The New Orleans market held firmer than New York and the spot markets showed no indication of weakening. The exports also were a very bullish factor, footing up 45,549 bales, bringing the amount of the season to date up to within 11,873 bales of last year's heavy movement. In addition to this, the liquidation had been considerable and trading began to lag, so that fresh supporting orders met little opposition and the market closed steady, net two to nine points higher. Total sales futures estimated at 250,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Cotton quiet at 9.60; net receipts 433 bales; gross receipts 1,376 bales; stock 156,699 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 9.60c; middling gulf 9.85c; sales 541 bales.

Futures opened firm and closed steady. The closing prices were: February 9.39, March 9.41, April 9.43, May 9.45, June 9.32, July 9.33, August 9.01, September 8.44, October 8.37.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 26,387 bales; exports to Great Britain 12,156 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 31,802 bales; stock 903,308 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 47,526 bales; exports to Great Britain 35,466 bales; exports to France 664 bales; exports to the Continent 46,526 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 6,822,795 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,983,230 bales; exports to France 611,859 bales; exports to the Continent 2,147,399 bales.

Feb. 16.—Galveston, quiet at 9¼c, net receipts 9,261 bales; Norfolk, steady at 9¼c, net receipts 949 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 9¼c, net receipts 2,444 bales; Boston, quiet at 9.60, net receipts 612 bales; Wilmington, steady, 9¼c, net receipts 789 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 9.85, net receipts 74 bales; Savannah, quiet at 9¼c, net receipts 3,334 bales; New Orleans, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 6,826 bales; Mobile, steady at 9¼c, net receipts 574 bales; Memphis, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 2,472 bales; Augusta, firm at 9 9-16, net receipts 1,167 bales; Charleston, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 329 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Flour was quiet, rather easy; Minnesota patents $4 10@4 25; winter patents $3 65@4 00. Rye flour dull. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 81¾c. Options—On steadier English cables wheat advanced a little after the opening until met by a liberal increase in the visible supply and predictions for snow in the Ohio valley States. A sharp break resulted leading to an oversold condition on which the market finally rallied, closing steady and net unchanged: March closed 83¼c; May closed 81¼c; July closed 78⅝c; September 76¼c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 60c. Options market was steady for a time after the opening on bad weather. It then weakened on the visible supply increase, but was later rallied by shorts and closed steady at a partial ½c net advance. Sales included: February 60c; March closed 56c; May closed 51¼c; July closed 49¼c. Oats—Spot dull; No. 2, 43¼c. Options were quiet and easier, following corn: May closed 42¾c. Butter firm; extra creamery 26c; State dairy 15@24c. Cheese firm; State full cream, small colored, fancy fall made 14½c; small white, fall 14¼c. Peanuts steady; fancy hand picked 4¾@4¾c; other domestic 3@4¾c. Cabbages easy; domestic, per barrel red $1 00@1 25; white 50@80c. Freights to Liverpool—by steam 12. Potatoes quiet; Long Island $2 00@3 25; South Jersey sweets $2 50@3 75; Jerseys $1 75@2 00; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50@2 00. Eggs firm; Pennsylvania average best 18c; Southern 16¾c. Cotton seed oil maintained a firm undertone, being in light supply on spot and wanted by jobbers. Closing quotations: Prime crude here nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills 34@35c; prime summer yellow 41@42c; off summer yellow 40c; prime white 46c; prime winter yellow 45c; prime meal $27 50@28 00, nominal.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Cash prices: Flour was steady. Wheat—No 2 spring 76@79c; No. 3 spring 73@73½c; No. 2 red 74@74½c. Corn—No. 2 43¾@43: No. 2 yellow 43¾@43c. Oats—No. 2 —c; No. 2 white 37; No. 3 white 34¼@36c. Mess pork, per barrel, quoted $17 37½@17 50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $9 70@9 75. Short rib sides, loose, $9 30@9 35. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 12½@8 15. Short clear sides, boxed, $9 37½@9 37½. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 30.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 February 74¾; May 77¾@77¾, 77¾, 77¾, 77¾@77¾; July 73¾@74¼, 74¾, 73¾, 71¾@71¾. Corn—No. 2 February 42¾, 42¾, 42¾, 42¾c; May 44¾@45, 45¼, 44¾@44¾, 45⅛@45¼c; July 43⅛@43¾, 43¾, 43, 43¼c. Oats—No. 2, February 34¼c; May 36⅛@36¾, 36⅛@36¾, 36, 36¼c; July 33, 33⅛, 32½, 32¾c. Mess pork, per bbl—May $17 20, 17 37½, 17 20, 17 37½; July $16 65, 16 85, 16 60, 16 85. Lard, per 100 lbs.—February $9 65, 9 70, 9 65, 9 70; May $9 57½, 9 65, 9 57½, 9 65; July $9 37½, 9 42½, 9 47½, 9 42¾. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $9 50, 9 57½, 9 50, 9 57½; July $9 37½, 9 40, 9 37½, 9 40; September $9 20, 9 22½, 9 20, 9 33½.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 16.—Cotton: Spot in moderate demand; prices steady; American middling 5.14d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 7,400 bales American. Receipts 4,000 bales, no American.

Futures opened easier and closed steady; American middling (g o c) February 5.05d; February and March 5.01@5.02d; March and April 5.01@5.02d; April and May 5.02@5.03d; May and June 5.04d; June and July 5.04@5.05d; July and August 5.04d; August and September 4.93d; September and October 4.63d; October and November 4.47d.

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STEAMSHIPS.

Muriel, (Br) 1,565 tons, Freeman, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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Emily F Northam, 315 tons, Adams, to master.

Chas H Wolston, 287 tons, Hinckley, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Helen G Mosely, 502 tons, Gray, Cape Fear Lumber Co.

Albert T Stearnes, 483 tons, Bunker, to master.

Lillian Woodruff, 288 tons, Kneeland, George Harriss, Son & Co.

BARQUES.

Oscar, (Nor) 720 tons, Schrader, Heide & Co.

Freidig, (Nor) 649 tons, Christophersen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—42 bales of cotton, 19 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—377 bales cotton, 14 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—262 bales cotton, 20 casks spirits turpentine, 34 barrels rosin, 147 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—23 bales cotton, 32 barrels rosin.

W. & N. Railroad—68 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 37 barrels rosin, 11 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamship Geo. W. Clyde—17 bales cotton.

Newsom's raft—475 barrels rosin.

Schooner John B.—30 barrels rosin, 24 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—789 bales cotton, 23 casks spirits turpentine, 588 barrels rosin, 180 barrels tar, 38 barrels crude turpentine.

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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$ 933,115 12	Capital	$ 300,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	257,000 00	Surplus and Net Profits	87,151 77
Bank Building	30,000 00	Circulation	186,900 00
Cash on hand and in banks	623,587 70	Deposits	1,269,651 05
	$1,843,702 82		$1,843,702 82

Comparative statement of deposits,

February 6th, 1903, $873,527 14.
February 6th, 1901, $469,290 63.
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THE RED CAPE

By C. Langton Clarke

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"Such an infernal nuisance!" said Jack Somerville as he sat in his easy chair nursing a sprained ankle and scowling at his friend, Dick Callender. "What did you let go of the ladder for?"

"Sorry, old man," said the other; "but it was as much your fault as mine."

"And I had promised my aunt to meet a girl, a cousin of mine, who is coming to stay with her. It's nearly traintime now. Look here! You will have to go instead of me."

"I?" cried Dick, aghast. "Why, I shouldn't know her if I saw her!"

"Neither should I," growled the other. "Haven't seen her for years; but she will be wearing a red cape, so my aunt says, and that ought to be enough to identify her—a tall, dark girl with a red cape. Now, don't stand gaping. You have no time to lose. Take her in a cab to my aunt's and then come back here."

He pulled out his watch again with an impatient gesture, and Dick, anxious to atone for his share in the accident, hurried away.

As he lounged about the platform waiting for the train to arrive he remembered that the young lady's name had not been mentioned, or, if it had, he had entirely forgotten it. "I'll stick to the red cape," he said to himself, "and I can't go far wrong."

When the train at last arrived, Dick moved slowly along the line of cars, keeping a watchful eye on the passengers as they alighted, and his vigilance was rewarded by the sight of a tall, dark young lady wearing a scarlet cape and carrying several parcels.

"I beg your pardon," Dick began, diffidently addressing her. "I have been commissioned to meet you and escort you to the house. Jack intended to come, but he has sprained his ankle."

The young lady looked greatly distressed. "Oh, I hope he is not much hurt!" she cried as she clasped her hands over her bundles. "Poor Jack! I suppose you are a great friend of his?"

"We are excellent friends," Dick replied. "My name is Richard Callender. It seems an absurd thing to say, but Jack quite forgot to mention your name to me."

"That's very odd," replied the girl. "And you say you are such a friend of his! My name is Mary Heatherstone. Do you mean to say you have never heard John speak of me?"

"Oh, of course! What a chump I am!" cried the young man, with the fatal readiness to avoid explanations which was one of his characteristics.

"Now, tell me all about Jack," Miss Heatherstone said after she had been comfortably established in a cab and the young man had seated himself by her side. "Does he seem quite happy?"

"First rate!" said Dick. "Particularly since he became engaged."

The young lady smiled and looked pleased. "He has had plenty of time to get used to that idea," she said.

"Oh, I don't know!" Dick replied. "Two weeks is not such a very long time, you know."

The smile faded from the girl's face. "Two weeks!" she cried. "Why, he has been engaged for two years!"

Dick laughed. "I suppose you are thinking of that other little affair," he said; "but, really, that never amounted to anything. This time it is for good and all. He met Gertie Gould for the first time two months ago, and it was all settled a fortnight ago at the tennis club ball. Good heavens! What's the matter?" The girl had caught him by the wrist, and her face was deadly pale.

"You are not deceiving me?" she cried. "No, I see that you are not. I must go home again. Tell the cabman to drive back to the station. Quick! Do as I tell you!"

She was fumbling with the handle of the door and was altogether in such an excited state that Dick, who was greatly taken aback to find himself face to face with a tragedy, complied with her instructions.

"Can I not help you in some way?" he said at last, being greatly moved by the sight of the girl's evident misery.

"What would you think," she asked, rousing herself, "of a man who would let the girl to whom he had been engaged for two years and who had left her home all happiness, to be married to him, hear from the lips of a stranger that he had been false to his plighted word?"

"I should say that he was a cad!" replied Dick fiercely, and Miss Heatherstone smiled wanly through her tears at his vehemence.

As they were entering the vestibule of the railway station Dick felt his arm seized by his companion and, following the direction of her eyes, saw a young stranger of pleasing appearance approaching them.

"You will protect me from insult, won't you?" the girl asked breathlessly, and Dick felt that he would be quite equal to the occasion, though the other man was the heavier by many pounds.

The stranger advanced, sniffing, until well within the range of Miss Heatherstone's stony gaze, when he stopped short, and his outstretched hand fell back to his side.

"Molly!" he said in great surprise. "What is the meaning of this welcome?"

"Let me pass," replied the girl in the tones of a tragedy queen. "I have discovered your perfidy, and I am going home."

She pushed on, and the young man, who had at first showed signs of an intention to block her progress, fell back.

"You are mad," he said, "and as for you, sir," addressing Dick, "I shall probably have a few words to say to you."

"When I have escorted this lady to the waiting room," replied Dick loftily, "I shall be happy to listen to anything you may have to say."

As soon as Dick and his charge had entered the waiting room Miss Heatherstone turned to him. "How nobly you ignored your former friendship!" she said. "You spoke to him as if he were beneath your notice and a complete stranger."

"Why, so he is," replied Dick, considerably mystified. "I never saw the fellow before."

"Am I going crazy?" the girl cried, sinking into a chair. "Didn't you tell me that he sent you to meet me; that he had sprained his ankle? A nice excuse, indeed!"

"Of whom are you speaking?" asked Dick, bewildered. "Of Jack?"

"Yes! Yes! That man! Jack—my Jack!"

"But that isn't my Jack. My friend is at home, as I told you, with a sprained ankle. I don't understand it at all. Mr. Somerville asked me"—

"Mr. Somerville!" cried Miss Heatherstone, sitting bolt upright. "Is that the name of the gentleman who sent you?"

"Of course it is," Dick answered, almost testily. "He told me to look out for a tall, dark girl with a red cape, his cousin, and—and"—

"And you mistook me for her? Oh, I see it all! Oh, Jack, Jack, how I have wronged you!" And, to Dick's consternation, the young lady immediately went off into a fit of hysterics, which necessitated the summoning of the attendant and the removal of the sufferer into an inner room for the application of restoratives.

While Miss Heatherstone wrestled with her attack of nerves Dick, horrified at the result of his mistake, hastened out into the vestibule in search of the other victim and found him leaning gloomily against a pillar. At first the outraged swain refused to listen to any explanation and seemed strongly inclined to make a personal assault upon the innocent cause of the mischief, but Dick's remorse and agitation finally disarmed him, and when they parted at the door of the waiting room they shook hands with expressions of mutual esteem and thankfulness that the error had been discovered in time.

When Dick entered the room where his friend was still nursing his ankle, the latter regarded him with considerable interest.

"What's the matter with you?" he asked. "You look as if you'd seen a ghost. Where is Mary?"

"I don't know," was the reply.

"Don't know!" shouted the other. "And you with her cape on your arm!"

Then Dick, looking down, found that he was still carrying the cape which Miss Heatherstope had handed to him in the waiting room.

"Isn't that the cape?" continued Jack Somerville angrily.

Dick burst into a laugh that was half hysterical.

"It's a red cape all right," he said, "but—but it was the wrong Mary that was in it."

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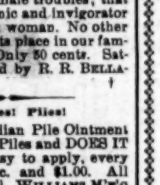

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Mardi-Gras, Pensacola, Fla., and Mobile, Ala., Feb. 18th to 24th, 1903. Dates of sale Feb. 17th to 23rd, inclusive. Final limit Feb. 28th. By deposit of tickets by original purchasers (personally) with Jos. Richardson, special agent, not earlier than Feb. 18th nor later than Feb. 28th, and upon payment of fee of 50 cents per ticket at time of deposit an extension of the final limit to a date not later than March 14th, 1903, may be obtained. Rate to Pensacola, $22.45; to Mobile, $22.95.

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Approved: Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. EMERSON,

Traffic Manager.

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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

Schedule in Effect Jan. 11, 1903.

TRAIN 29 Leaves Wilmington at 4:30 P. M., arrives Lumberton 6:50 P. M., Pembroke 7:00 P. M., Maxton 7:35 P. M., Hamlet 8:40 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Hamlet at 8:30 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:13 A. M., Pembroke 9:43 A. M., Lumberton 10:08 A. M., Wilmington 12.30 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	8:50 a m	9.00 p m
Ar Monroe	10.32 a m	10.45 p m
Ar Charlotte	11.40 a m	11.50 p m
Ar Chester	12.01 p m	11.50 p m
Ar Greenwood	2.19 p m	2.05 a m
Ar Abbeville	3.19 p m	4.15 a m
Ar Atlanta	7.40 p m	6.15 a m

Close connection at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and all points in Texas, Mexico and California; also for Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Western and Northwestern points.

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	5.00 a m	8.45 a m	9.30 p m
Ar Columbia	7.34 a m	11.55 a m	1.10 a m
Ar Savannah	9.45 a m	3.15 p m	4.55 a m
Ar Jacksonville	1.30 p m	7.40 p m	9.15 a m
Ar Tampa		6.45 a m	6.00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10.25 p m	8.05 a m	12.09 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.15 a m	11.45 a m	2.38 a m
Ar Norlina	3.18 a m	1.35 p m	
Ar Portsmouth	7.10 a m	5.35 p m	
Ar Norfolk			
Lv Hamlet	10.25 p m	8.45 a m	12.09 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.15 a m	11.45 a m	2.38 a m
Ar Norlina	3.18 a m	1.35 p m	
Ar Petersburg	5.32 a m	4.09 p m	
Ar Richmond	6.10 a m	4.55 p m	6.40 a m
Ar Washington	9.45 a m	8.35 p m	10.10 a m
Ar Baltimore	10.58 a m	11.35 p m	11.35 a m
Ar New York	3.15 p m	6.30 a m	4.15 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

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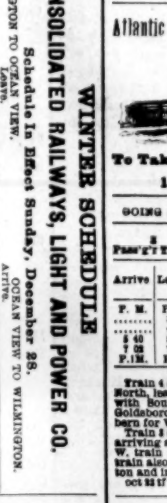

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Jan. 11, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 40
Lv Wilmington	2.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12.31 p m	9.38 p m
Ar Wilson	1.18 p m	10.40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1.55 p m	11.25 p m
Ar Norfolk	9.55 p m	
Ar Weldon	4.53 p m	1.45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6.02 p m	3.25 a m
Ar Richmond	7.45 p m	4.07 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	7.54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.20 a m	9.10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4.08 a m	11.25 a m
Ar New York	7.15 a m	2.00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 141	No. 49
Lv New York	8.55 a m	9.25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11.30 a m	12.10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.44 p m	2.37 a m
Ar Washington	2.50 p m	3.45 a m
Ar Norfolk		9.00 a m
Ar Richmond	6.26 p m	5.30 a m
Ar Petersburg	7.32 p m	9.13 a m
Ar Weldon	9.04 p m	11.32 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10.07 P m	12.56 p m
Ar Wilson	10.48 p m	1.46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7.16 a m	3.55 p m
Ar Wilmington	10.10 a m	5.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily
Lv Wilmington	6.00 a m	8.45 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Florence	9.25 a m	7.30 p m	8.55 a m†
Ar Charleston	1.10 p m	11.15 p m	5.45 a m
Ar Savannah	6.35 p m	3.00 a m	17.55 a m
Ar Jacksonville		9.00 a m	12.45 p m
Ar Tampa		7.00 p m	10.00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8.00 p m	9.30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Savannah	1.10 p m	1.15 a m
Ar Charleston	5.15 p m	6.25 a m
Ar Florence	8.00 p m	9.45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11.45 p m	1.40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound Daily.	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9.10 a m	Ar. 6.00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12.20 p m	Ar. 5.00 p m
Ar Sanford	1.50 p m	Lv. 3.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday.	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2.32 p m	Ar. 12.06 p m
Ar Newbern	5.40 p m	Lv. 9.05 a m

‡Via Wilson.

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W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.

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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, February 6, 1903.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$1,067,006 31
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		1,471 80
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		96,100 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		173,800 00
Stocks, securities, etc.		18,069 83
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		20,000 00
Other Real Estate owned		10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		100,259 33
Due from State Banks and Bankers		140,809 47
Due from approved reserve agents		67,432 99
Notes of other National Banks	$6,500 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	903 69	
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	$40,577 00	
Legal-tender notes	81,820 00—	131,760 69
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent. of circulation)		4,700 00
Total		$1,845,596 92

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	$125,000 00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	29,409 32—	154,409 32
National Bank notes outstanding		96,100 00
Due to other National Banks	238,063 94	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	390,465 62	
Dividends unpaid	395 00	
Individual deposits subject to check	763,924 41	
Cashiers checks outstanding	19,437 23	
United States deposits	173,800 00	1,461,587 60
Total		$1,845,596 92

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, Andrew Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of February, 1903.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
WM. E. WORTH,
J. H. CHADBOURN,
MATT J. HEYER. } Directors.

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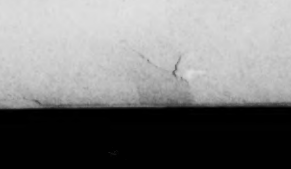

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.	Goldsboro	A. M.	A. M.
.....	4 40	Kinston	10 15	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 37	9 00
7 25	7 37	Morehead City	6 50	7 37
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 5 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 5.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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GEO. W. CLYDE.....Saturday, Feb. 21
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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 17.

VERY BAD NEGRO IN COURT.

Used Incendiary Language and Fought His Way to the Police Station.

William Hansley is decidedly a bad negro; especially when under the influence of liquor of the kind he had "aboard" Saturday night. He was disorderly at Second and Dock streets and Special Officer C. T. Croom and Policeman J. G. Carney went to arrest him. He said he wanted to kill some —— —— —— of a white man and went for Officer Croom with a slab, dealing him a blow across the head which the officer caught on his hand, inflicting a severe wound. Policeman Carney handed his club to ex-Policeman L. M. Smith while placing the nippers on the negro and as the negro made a lunge to get away, Mr. Smith struck Mr. Carney over the head by mistake.

After much difficulty the three men managed to get the negro to the station house and in the police court Mayor Waddell delivered one of his seasonable lectures to the offender about his language which prompted him to say that it was the liquor he was drinking and the words and actions were not from the heart. The quality of the liquor, however, was not an effective argument with the court, and Hansley was sent to the county roads for 30 days in each of the two cases for disorderly conduct and resisting.

FOR THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington Favors Substantial Appropriation.

The Chamber of Commerce of this city is strong in its endorsement of a substantial appropriation by the Legislature for the North Carolina exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition. Last Thursday Senator London introduced a bill in the General Assembly appropriating $30,000 for this purpose and the matter has received more or less consideration among the members of the Chamber since that time.

Yesterday a meeting of the Executive Committee was held and a number of individual members of the Chamber were present. Mr. C. W. Worth presented the desirability of an adequate appropriation and after much favorable discussion, the President was directed to write New Hanover's representatives in the Assembly to do what they could in advocating the measure.

President Chadbourn yesterday sent a copy of the following letter each to Senator Geo. H. Bellamy and Representative George L. Morton:

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 16, 1903.

DEAR SIR:—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber to-day, Mr. C. W. Worth appeared by invitation and urged the necessity of a suitable appropriation being made to provide for an exhibit at the St. Louis Fair. The subject was discussed in detail and Mr. Worth's suggestions heartily endorsed. The Chamber begs to ask, therefore, that you will exert your influence to the end that an appropriation may be secured which will enable the State to make a creditable exhibit.

Yours truly,
JAMES H. CHADBOURN, Pres.

Big Peanut Yield.

A special from Suffolk, Va., to the Richmond *Times-Dispatch* says: "The largest peanut yield in 1902, noted for the size of it, was made in Sleepy Hole District by Mr. Richard H. Beamon. Mr. M. F. Pinner, a buyer, said this afternoon that Mr. Beamon grew 90 bags on two and one-fifth acres and that he helped to measure the ground from which they came. The ninety bags weighed 8,280 pounds, which makes an average of more than 170 bushels to the acre. This record is unparalleled in the peanut figures of Nansemond county."

Goes To Richmond, Va.

Mr. Charles A. Holland, formerly of Maxton, N. C. but lately with the Jacobi Hardware Co. in this city, will leave in a few days for Richmond, Va., to engage in the hardware business there. He has sold his residence, No. 215 North Fifth street, to Mr. J. F. Maunder.

Cumberland Superior Court.

Cumberland County Superior Court for the trial of civil cases convened yesterday morning, Judge C. M. Cooke, of Louisburg, presiding. Judge Cooke will probably pass upon the papers in the Utley appeal at this term of court.

Six thousand people crowded the auditorium at Chicago last night at the demonstration of the local labor unions in honor of John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers. The greatest enthusiasm was shown when Mr. Mitchell appeared on the platform and his speech later in the evening was received with cheers.

CHICAGO, February 16.—There was quite general liquidation in the grain pits to-day, but a better feeling developed toward the end of the session and wheat closed strong, with May ⅛c higher. May corn was up ⅛@⅛c, but oats were ⅛@⅛c lower. Provisions were strong, the May products closed from 10 to 22½@25c higher.

Itchiness of the Skin and Eczema.

The only remedy in the world that will at once stop Itchiness of the Skin on any part of the body that is absolutely safe and never failing, is Doan's Ointment. Free Samples at ROBT. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store February 20th. †

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, of Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally as good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruption and Piles. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

THE PHILIPPINE CURRENCY BILL.

This and the Indian Appropriation Bill Were Passed by the House.

PHILIPPINE BILL AMENDED.

Provision for a Conference Between Gold and Silver Standard Countries to Fix a Commercial Exchange. Proceedings in the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, February 16.—There was no debate on the Statehood bill in the Senate to-day, the time being taken up in the consideration of the Indian Appropriation bill and the Philippine Currency bill, both of which were passed. The amendment to the Philippine bill providing for a conference between gold and silver standard countries, to fix a commercial exchange, was agreed to. The bill as passed is the measure recommended by the House Committee on Insular Affairs, but which was rejected by the House. The Senate Committee on the Philippines substituted for the House bill the bill of both committees, which has been recommended by Secretary Root and Governor Taft.

Mr. Vest, while the Indian bill was up, called attention to a point of order which had been made against one of its provisions on the ground that it was new legislation. The Senate, he said, had passed the Philippine government bill as a rider to the Army Appropriation bill, and yet ruled other provisions out. All rules, he said, were violated when a majority was in favor of any measure.

Mr. Morgan spoke on a question of privilege regarding the dispatch which recently appeared in the public prints purporting to be signed by the Colombian minister to Mexico, Senor Rafaer Reyes, in which Reyes took exception to an alleged statement by Mr. Morgan in the Senate that the Colombian president had sold out and abdicated for $1,000,000. Mr. Morgan declared that there was a betrayal of the Senate in the matter of what transpires at executive sessions and that Senor Reyes had violated a principle of diplomacy when he obtained information surreptitiously from persons false to their trust.

Mr. Reyes, he said, seems to be determined on the success of the Panama scheme. "The coincidence of the double assault on me," he said, "is quite strong enough to have been enacted in the Panama canal school and is brazen enough to have been prepared in the office of a New York railroad wrecker." As these statements of his did not appear in the public records of the Senate, the statement is false or was surreptitiously obtained. He then spoke of "leaks" in the Senate. For years, he said, he had witnessed the abuse of senators by eavesdropping or betrayal by persons who have had the right or privilege of being present at executive sessions of the Senate, and he had long since ceased to expect anything else. It was a cowardly form of calling a senator to account for remarks or statements made in confidence. The evil seems to be without remedy, he continued, "and the only safety of senators is in open session. "I did not say," said Mr. Morgan," "at any time that the President had received a million dollars as pay for resigning. I said that after he received one million dollars in April, 1900, he retired to his home and the vice president was substituted in his place."

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

House of Representatives.

The House disposed of a number of bills to-day under suspension of the rules, defeating two. The most important measure passed was the Senate bill to amend the railroad safety appliance law.

A special order was adopted which will practically make the Fowler Currency bill a continuing order for the remainder of the session, but not to interfere with conference reports, appropriation bills and other privileged matters.

Mr. Bartlett, of Georgia, took occasion to correct a misapprehension which was abroad that the minority had agreed on a substitute for the Fowler bill. He was opposed to all the currency bills.

Bills were passed to authorize a railroad bridge across the Tennessee river at a point between Lewis Bluff and Guntersville, Ala.; to authorize the use of $45,000 for the purchase of additional ground for the public building at Jacksonville, Fla.

A bill to authorize Geo. A. Campbell and associates to use the waters of the Coosa river in Alabama for the purpose of generating electricity was defeated after considerable debate—67 to 47 (not two-thirds.)

The House then adjourned until to-morrow.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Oliver Nichols Shot and Killed Mrs. Ira Shaffer and Himself.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SOMERSET, PA., Feb. 16.—Oliver Nichols, a lumber man, shot and killed Mrs. Ira Shaffer, in a woods near Edie Postoffice, to-day, and then placing the muzzle of the shotgun to his face, blew his head off. Mrs. Shaffer was on her way to her father's home accompanied by two young ladies, when Nichols stepped from behind a tree and commanded the young women to stand aside. He then levelled the weapon at Mrs. Shaffer and shot her through the breast, after which he killed himself. She was twenty-two years old and married, but recently quarrelled with her husband and left him. It is thought the deed was prompted through jealousy.

CRUM'S NOMINATION.

President Roosevelt Has No Intention of Withdrawing It.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 16.—President Roosevelt expressed to the senators who called on him to-day the hope that the Senate would confirm the nomination of Dr. D. H. Crum to be collector of the port of Charleston, S. C. The President has no intention of withdrawing the nomination and desires that the Senate take definite action on it.

The Celebrated 1898 Vintage

is represented in this market by G. H. Mumm's Extra Dry Champagne, to whose magnificent quality and natural dryness is due to its unique position, manifested by 125,719 cases imported in 1902, being 407,304 bottles more than any other brand. †

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CLAIMS AGAINST VENEZUELA.

Preparations Begun in Washington for a Conference to Arrange a Protocol for Settlement of U. S. Claims.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Preparations were begun to-day at a conference between Mr. Penfield, of the State Department, and Mr. Bowen for signing of a protocol providing for the settlement of the claims of the United States against Venezuela, it being the desire of Venezuela that the United States agreement shall be drawn up first.

Although not in definite shape, the protocol will be quite brief, consisting perhaps of three or four articles. It will provide for the appointment of a commission, one member to be appointed by President Roosevelt and the other by President Castro to pass upon the American claims, and in the event of a disagreement the King of Spain is to appoint the umpire.

At the conclusion of the conference between Solicitor Penfield and Mr. Bowen it was announced that the United States' protocol would be signed as soon as it has been approved by the State Department. Secretary Hay will sign for the United States and Mr. Bowen for Venezuela.

Queen Wilhelmina, of the Netherlands, may be requested by the Washington government to name the umpire who shall pass on the claims of the United States against Venezuela in the event that the persons named by the United States and Venezuela cannot agree.

SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

The Difficulty Between Young Hanna, Winder and Representative Caldwell.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 16—After all the excitement here the past few days over the meeting of John H. Winder and Dan Hanna with W. G. Caldwell, of Wheeling, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, in a hack early last Saturday morning, it was stated to-day that "everything had been settled out of court," and that there would be no investigation of the local officials by the Legislature as had been stated. Winder and Hanna are said to have made statements to Caldwell that are satisfactory and the latter also wants the matter dropped.

General Alfred Caldwell, father of Hon. W. G. Caldwell, arrived to-day to bring suit in the Federal court for damages against Winder and young Hanna for the Saturday assault.

TRAGEDY AT DETROIT.

Woman Found Dead in a Room With a Man Fatally Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DETROIT, MICH., February 16—Edward Knaplan, of Chicago, was found to-day fatally wounded at 102 Gratiot avenue, and on the floor in the same room lay the dead body of Edith Martin (or Agnes Mooney, as her correct name was), with a bullet through the head. Knaplan was lying on the bed with a wound in his breast just over the heart. Miss Martin lay on the floor dead. Knaplan, who, the physicians say has no possibility of recovering, says that after a quarrel Miss Martin shot him and then committed suicide. The police think Knaplan did the shooting. None of the other persons in the house heard the shots fired. Knaplan had been coming to the house for the past week to see Miss Martin, and other inmates say that she had several times expressed great fear of him.

TRIAL OF A. L. BISHOP.

Evidence Concluded—Argument of Counsel Will Begin To-day.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 16.—The evidence in the trial of Arthur L. Bishop, for killing Thomas J. Wilson, was concluded to-day.

Bishop himself was the most important witness of the day. He said he did not shoot Wilson until after Wilson had struck him three times with a stick and had backed him against the wall. Mrs. Bishop was on the witness stand for a short time. The lawyers will begin their arguments to-morrow. ixS speeches will be made.

WARM WIRELETS.

A New York dispatch says that all grades of refined sugar were advanced five points yesterday.

President Palma, of Cuba, has signed the naval coaling station agreement with the United States.

President Roosevelt has nominated Colonel Wallace F. Randolph to be chief of artillery, with rank of brigadier general.

The Senate in executive session yesterday ratified the treaty of friendship recently negotiated between the United States and Greece.

A Porto Cabello dispatch says that after the blockade had been raised there the captured Venezuelan sailing vessels were turned over to United States Vice Consul Volkmar.

The Red D Line Company, New York, announce the resumption of the regular schedule to Venezuelan ports. The first steamer sailed yesterday. The second steamer will sail on Saturday.

Fire last night destroyed almost an entire block in the business section of the town of Blackstone, Nottaway county, Va. The loss is estimated at $35,000 to $40,000; insurance one third.

The Standard Oil Company has declared a dividend of $24 per share, payable March 16th. This is $10 more than the last dividend declared, but is the same as the one declared this time last year.

Colonel J. R. Waddy, postmaster of Norfolk, Va., died at his residence there last night in the 69th year of his age. He was appointed by President Roosevelt only a few weeks ago after a very hard fight.

The new battleship Maine has left League Island navy yard for Hampton Roads, where her bunkers will be filled with coal. The war vessel will then proceed to join the North Atlantic squadron at Galveston, Texas.

William Cossitt Cone, stock broker, New York, assigned for the benefit of creditors. Cone's attorney made a statement to the effect that the assignment was due to the embezzlement of $30,000 by an employe.

The President yesterday sent to the Senate the nomination of George B. Cortelyou, to be first secretary of commerce and labor, under the act creating the new department. The Senate subsequently confirmed the nomination.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. G. Shepard,

SEVERE STORM IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Houses and Barns Demolished, Two Men Killed and Others Fatally Injured.

CENTRE AT HONEAPATH.

Five Houses Blown Down—Several People Reported Missing—Stock Injured—The Ground Covered With Fallen Trees, Etc.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

AUGUSTA, GA., Feb. 16.—A special to the *Chronicle* from Greenwood, S. C., reports a severe storm there with slight damage.

The storm was central at Honeapath, twenty-five miles northwest of Greenwood. Houses and barns were demolished, stock is injured and the ground is covered with fallen trees and razed telephone and telegraph lines. There is no wire communication. Trains are running without orders. At Honepath six men took refuge in W. A. Shirley's brick store. The store was demolished. Earl McGee and Thomas Austin were killed. Two men named Donald and Stone were fatally injured. Shirley was hurt, but not seriously. Five houses were blown down. Men and women ran into the streets, seeking shelter from wind and rain. Several people are reported missing.

Furious Wind Storm.

ATLANTA, GA., February 16.—A special to the *Constitution* from Royston, Ga., a station on the Southern railway, states that a furious wind storm passed over the town of Bowman, in Elbert county, this afternoon, demolishing several houses and killing and injuring a number of people. The wires are down beyond Royston and further particulars cannot be obtained.

Blizzard in Tennessee.

CHATTANOOGA, Feb. 16.—To-night Chattanooga is experiencing the worst weather of the Winter. It began blowing a gale shortly after dark and the rain soon turned into snow, which is freezing as fast as it falls, making it difficult for conveyances to get along the streets. It is feared the recent warm weather followed by the cold wave will damage fruit. In some of the contiguous fruit orchards trees are in bloom and those of course will be killed.

KNOXVILLE, Feb. 16.—Rain, sleet, snow and wind which at one time reached a velocity of 48 miles an hour, tells the weather conditions here today. To-night the mercury is falling fast and will drop to twenty degrees before morning. The Tennessee river is ten feet above low water mark and a rise of twenty feet is predicted by United States Forecaster Fulton. Traffic in the city was almost impossible after 4 o'clock on account of the sleet.

Sleet and Snow.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 16.—One of the worst sleet and snow storms that have visited this section for years prevailed to day, causing serious delay to railroad and street car traffic and interferring to some extent with telegraphic and telephone communications in all directions. Trains are arriving from three to eight hours late. A steady rain all day Sunday turned into sleet last night. This was followed by a snow storm which during the day assumed the proportions of a blizzard. At 6 o'clock there was a decided drop in the temperature and the snow ceased falling.

Reports from Arkansas, Mississippi and Northern Texas tell of similar conditions. At Fort Worth and Dallas the snowfall was the heaviest in years. Trains are running on belated schedules and in many instances are annulled. To-night it is clear and cold throughout the Southwest.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Feb. 16.—Early morning rain and sleet here changed about ten o'clock this morning to snow which is still falling to-night. A stiff wind blew all day and to-night between 6 and 7 o'clock developed into a gale, street car traffic being seriously interfered with for a time. Railroad schedules are disarranged. At 7 o'clock the official thermometer was sixteen degrees and falling.

In Richmond, Va.

RICHMOND, VA., February 16.—Heavy rain all day has been followed by much cooler weather, with sleet to-night at this point.

SPANISH CLAIMS.

The Total Number is 542 and the Amount $61,672,077.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President Roosevelt has extended for six months from March 2nd, 1903, the life of the Spanish treaty claims commission. The extension of the life of the commission was made on a showing of the necessity therefor presented by Wm. E. Chandler, president of the commission. Mr. Chandler, in a letter to the President, says that the total number of claims presented to the commission is 542 and the amount claimed $61,672,077. Mr. Chandler says delays have occurred in the taking of testimony and preparation of cases that make the extension necessary.

ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATIONS

By Prof. H. S. Kimball, Under Direction of the U. S. Government.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., February 16.—A special from Asheville, N. C., says:

Astronomical observations ordered several months ago by the United States government to be made here have been concluded and Professor H. S. Kimball, who has had this work in charge, expects to leave this week. Some further observations, however, will be made by Professor Kimball in the Black mountains. Professor Kimball has been measuring the intensity of solar radiation and the polarization of the blue sky light. Asheville was selected as the place most suitable for those experiments because of dry atmosphere, the latitude and the large per cent. of bright, clear days. These experiments were the first to be undertaken by the astronomers.

The schooner Carrie A. Norton, bound from Bonaire, in the West Indies, to New York, with a load of salt, put into Hampton Roads yesterday with a portion of her sails gone.

The one great virtue of Burnett's Vanilla Extract is purity. It is real vanilla extract and nothing but vanilla extract. Always use Burnett's.

Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic will drive out every trace and taint of Grip Poison from the blood and do its work quick and do it right. Old and neglected cases of Grip are quickly cured by a course of this wonderful medicine. Write to A. B. Girardeau, Savannah, Ga., for Agency. †

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Has for Thirty Years been Recognized by the Medical Profession as an Invaluable Remedy in Bright's Disease, Albuminuria of Pregnancy, Renal Calculi, Gout, Rheumatism and all Diseases Dependent upon a Uric Acid Diathesis. Time adds to the Voluminous Testimony of Leading Clinical Observers.

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Dr. Graeme M. Hammond, *of New York, Professor of Diseases of the Mind and Nervous System in the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital:* "In all cases of BRIGHT'S DISEASE of the KIDNEYS I have found **BUFFALO LITHIA WATER** of the greatest service in increasing the quantity of urine and in ELIMINATING the ALBUMEN. In certain cases of Melancholia, accompanied by excessive elimination of URATES and URIC ACID, it is often the only remedy necessary. In GOUT and RHEUMATISM it is highly beneficial. I have long regarded **BUFFALO LITHIA WATER** as the most valuable mineral water in use."

"ESPECIALLY BUFFALO LITHIA WATER OF VIRGINIA."

Samuel O. L. Potter, A. M., M. D., M. R. C. P., *London, Professor of the Principles and Practice of Medicine in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, San Francisco,* in his handbook of PHARMACY, MATERIA MEDICA and THERAPEUTICS, a text-book in many of the leading medical colleges of the country, under the head of ALBUMINURIA, page 600, 7th edition, in the citation of **"BUFFALO LITHIA WATER** of Virginia is highly remedies, says: **BUFFALO LITHIA WATER** recommended." Under the head of "CHRONIC BRIGHT'S DISEASE," page 601, same edition, in the citation of remedies, he says: "Mineral Waters, especially the **BUFFALO LITHIA WATER** of Virginia, which has many advocates."

"A VERITABLE ANTIDOTE."

Dr. Wm. H. Drummond, *Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, Bishop's University, Montreal, Canada:* "In the Acute and Chronic Nephritis—BRIGHT'S DISEASE—of Gouty and Rheumatic Origin, as well as in the graver Albuminuria of Pregnancy, I have found **BUFFALO LITHIA WATER** to act as a VERITABLE ANTIDOTE, and I know of NO OTHER NATURAL AGENT POSSESSING THIS IMPORTANT QUALITY."

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Testimonials which defy all imputation or questions sent to any address.

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EXPLOSION IN A FACTORY.

Eight Persons Were Killed and Four Others Injured—The Building Destroyed by Fire.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 16.—A *Bee* special from Fostoria says:

Eight persons were killed and four injured by an explosion in the Peter and Fox magazine cane factory to-day.

The dead: Joseph Burdge, John Hazen, Burnell, boy; one unknown girl, James Green, Elva Spence, two Murphy girls, aged 16 and 18.

The magazine contained a large supply of high explosives used in the manufacture of caps for magazine canes. It will never be known how it happened that some of the explosive let go. There was a terrific report that shocked the whole town and in a moment the whole factory was in flames.

There was a desperate fight on the part of the rescures to secure the bodies of the dead before the flames reached them. As the dead and injured were brought out they were placed on sleds and carried to improvised hospitals. The factory was a total loss, $5,000.

THE SPANISH PEANUT CROP.

View of the Outlook at Petersburg, Va. Demand Has Been Urgent.

[*Special to Times-Dispatch.*]

PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 14.—Fully five-eighths of the Spanish peanut crop has been sold. Messrs. Martin & Son, commission merchants of Petersburg, recently addressed letters to the farmers in the peanut belt of Virginia and North Carolina, and this estimate is based on sixty letters thus far received from them. In none of these letters is the amount on hand estimated to be more than thirty-five or forty per cent., and in some the amount on hand in their section is estimated to be less than ten per cent.

The demand for shelled Spanish peanuts has been so urgent this season that most of those marketed have been sold to consumers, and neither shellers nor commission merchants have many on hand. From this fact it would seem that the rest of the crop would sell at a much higher price before the season was over, as it would be nine months before another crop can be grown and marketed. It cannot now be told with any certainty what the proper acreage of peanuts will be next season. There was one-fourth less acreage last year than the previous year.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has agreed to report the Littlefield anti-trust bill with a number of amendments.

To Cure a Cold In One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. This signature *C. W. Grove* on every box. 25c

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Advertisements in this Department bring good results. feb 14 tf

Wanted—Intelligent man to call on business, and professional men. Permanent position and good pay. Manager, Box 78, Philadelphia. feb 17 1m

Eggs for Hatching — Barred Plymouth Rocks, White Plymouth Rocks and Blue Andalusians; all from prize winning stock. Shadeland Dairy and Stock Farm, Wilmington, N. C. feb 15 2?*

Cotton Sale—Will be sold by public outcry on the premises of the "Champion Compress Co." at Wilmington, N. C., on Wednesday, February 18th, at 3 P. M., 288 bales Sea Island Cotton landed ex steamship "Daventry," having been damaged by water. The above to be sold in lots not to exceed ten bales C. B. Wheldon, Representing Underwriters. feb 14 4t

Cabbage, Cabbage—Just received, Car of fine Danish Cabbage. Also Bananas, Apples, Sweet and Irish Potatoes, Butter, &c. Both 'Phones. A. S. Winstead. feb 8 tf

To Exchange—I have a fine deer dog which I wish to exchange for a first-class opossum and coon dog. Address, John G. Wagner, care F. W. Ortmann, Wilmington, N. C. jan 30 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs and Furniture repaired, cleaned and varnished; Upholstering done also. H. J. Gruman's headquarters for Wall Paper, J. B. Farrar, No. 804 North Second street. may 16 tf

Lands Posted.

The privilege of hunting on my lands near Wilmington having been leased, all persons are hereby warned against shooting, hunting, ranging or otherwise trespassing on said lands.

no 1 tf S. W. NOBLE.

Tally Cards!

In fact everything that is necessary to make your card party a success.

ROBERT C. DeROSSET,

The Stationer,

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Buy the Best!

$24,000 LBS. SNOW DRIFT LARD

Just arrived.

All sizes from 3 pound tins to tierces. Best Lard on the market. Send your orders to

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308, 310 and 312 Nutt Street,

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$50 Reward

will be paid for evidence sufficient to convict any one caught molesting or interfering with the sewer system by removing covers to manholes, throwing things in the sewers, or in any other way destroying the property, for which the City Ordinances provide a fine of $50 for each offence. All offenders will be rigorously prosecuted.

The Wilmington Sewerage Co.

jan 31 1m

Fresh Goods.

Just arrived per steamer to-day:

Maple Sugar and Cream (in cans). Tournades Kitchen Bouquet, a delightful flavoring for Soups, Gravies, &c.

Grains Truffles (extra peeled); Codfish Waffles, Pickled Salmon, Kippered Salmon, Smoked Halibut, fat brollers.

The above with a full line of Imported Cheese. Just arrived this day.

For sale by

WILMINGTON GROCERY CO.,

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A SALE

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SMALL THINGS!

Ladies' beautiful embroidered Collars, not 10c, but 5c each.

A special line of pretty new Belts at 25 and 50c.

A nice card of Ladies' Pearl set Brooches at 5c each.

Mother of Pearl Brooches, very handsome, at 50c each.

A very pretty line of Brooches, assorted, at 10c each.

A job lot of Pearl Buttons at 2c doz. Whale Bone at 3c doz.

Best Hump Hook and Eyes at 3c card. Cheap Hook and Eyes at 1c.

John J. Clark's Spool Cotton at 3c. Colored Dragon Cotton at 1c. A 6 oz bottle Machine Oil 5c.

The best antiseptic high flavored Crushed Rose and Violet Talcum Powder at 10c box.

Bailey's Talcum Powder at 4c a box. Powdered Medicated Jelly at 10c.

A splendid 8-inch rubber comb at 5c.

A job lot wool skirt Braid at 2c. Good Writing Paper at 10c. pound. Beautiful box Paper at 10c. box.

Lace Applique Trimming at 2c. yard. Torchon Lace, 2 in. wide, at 3c. yard.. Torchon Lace, one half in. wide, 1c. yard.

No. 40 Taffeta Ribbons, in all colors, at 10c. yard. No. 50 Fancy Ribbons, in all colors, at 10c. yard.

Fast edge black Velvet Ribbon, No. 1, at 18c. bunch, full measure.

Smyrna Door Rug at 23c.

Perfection Oil Heater, warranted smokeless and odorless, at $5 each.

Men's Mackintosh Coats at $1.39 each.

Boy's Chambray Waists at 25c. each.

Wire Buckle Suspenders at 8c.

A job in Children's Hosiery at 4c. a pair.

One lot remnants in white homespun 4c yard. Beautiful Pouqua Silk for 29c yard. Splendid yard-wide black Taffetta at 79c yard. Beautiful Taffetta in all colors at 38c yard.

A drive in Men's Collars, new styles, 5c each.

A box of 3 Cakes Toilet Soap for 5c.

Window Shades with Spring rollers and fixtures at 10c.

A job lot of Child's Rubber Shoes at 10c a pair.

Best quality Men's Goodyear Rubber Shoes, worth $1, now 75c a pair. A job lot Men's Rubber Shoes at 42c a pair.

Men's Black Four-in-Hand Ties, nice quality, at 18c each.

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THE BIG RACKET STORE,

G. O. Gaylord, Prop.

feb 15 tf

TO THE PUBLIC!

Having had a total loss by fire, of my entire stock of goods on the morning of February 11th, and the destruction of the building as well, I have opened my office at No. 113 North Front street, formerly occupied by The Murchison National Bank. Desirous of adjusting all my claims, I'll ask those indebted to me for the prompt payment of their accounts. This is absolutely necessary in order that I may again resume business Thanking a generous public for past patronage, I am respectfully,

A. D. BROWN.

feb 12 tf

Statement of The Peoples' Savings Bank,

OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of business February 5th, 1903, condensed from report to Corporation Commission. (Began business April, 1900.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$ 395,135 21	Capital Stock	$ 30,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	199 90	Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	11 076 00
Cash on hand and due from Banks	26,673 6	Deposits	380,982 31
Total	$ 422,009 31	Total	$ 422,008 31

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF DEPOSIT.

February 6th, 1901, $300,914 15 — February 6th, 1902, $397,284.37. — February 6th, 1903, $380,982 31.

H. C. McQUEEN, President. JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, Vice President.

feb 11 tf F. W. DICK, Cashier.

THE ATLANTIC TRUST AND BANKING CO.,

Wilmington, N. C.

Report to the North Carolina Corporation Commission, February 6th, 1903.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$238,930 92	Capital Stock paid in	$ 50,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	400 00	Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,123 56
Cash on hand, Due from Banks	4,868 14	Deposits subject to check	183 49 50
		Interest due depositors	1,400 00
	$241,998 36		$241,998 36

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover—ss:

I, M. F. Allen, Cashier of the Atlantic Trust and Banking Co., do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. M. F. ALLEN, Cashier.

Correct Attest:
Directors—J. G. L. Gieschen, L. B. Rogers, C. W. Yates.
Sworn to before me this 13th day of February, 1903.
feb 14 tf W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

Snag Proof Rubber Boots.

Boots that come fresh from the factory to you.
Boots that are not old and shop worn.
Boots that are guaranteed not to snag.
Boots that are not made by a trust.
Boots that are cheaper than you can buy elsewhere.

Wholesale or retail.
New lot received this week.

SOLOMON'S SHOE STORE

feb 15 tf

STATEMENT OF The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.,

168 Princess Street.

At close of business Feb. 6th, 1903, (condensed from report to Corporation Commission.)

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Furniture and Fixtures	$ 2 00	Capital	$ 25,000 00
Real estate	1,000 00	Deposits	1,068 973 96
Cash on hand and due from banks	105 479 57	accrued interest due depositors	6,502 75
Loans and Discounts	987,509 81	Profits, less ex. and taxes paid	50,809 77
Total	$1,094,391 38	Total	$1,094,391 3

J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President.
C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

DIRECTORS:

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